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APPLICANT(S): Eugene A. Fitzgerald
SERIAL NO.: 10/022,689 GROUP NO.: 2813
FILING DATE: December 17, 2001 EXAMINER: Laura M. Schillinger
TITLE: CONTROLLING THREADING DISLOCATION DENSITIES IN Ge
ON Si USING GRADED GeSi LAYERS AND PLANARIZATION

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NON-ENTRY
AND CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed on October 31, 2003, we submitted an amendment to the Office on December 2, 2003. The amendment followed an interview with the Examiner on November 24, 2003, and incorporates the suggestion made by the Examiner during that interview. The amendment made no substantive change to the claims; it merely clarified the order of steps in claim 35.

Under these circumstances, we respectfully question the Examiner's refusal to enter the amendment and consider it on the basis of the art of record. A new search is not required because nothing of substance was added to the claims. Accordingly, we respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's refusal to enter the amendment.

In order to minimize late fees, the Examiner is authorized to treat this paper as a request for continued examination, and to enter the December 2, 2003 amendment pursuant thereto, if she maintains her refusal to enter the amendment as filed in response

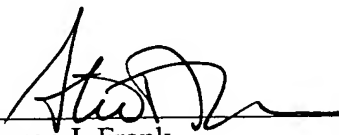
to the October 31, 2003 Office Action (or if, having been entered, the amendment is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance). As noted in the amendment, we await receipt of initialed copies of the Forms 1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 17, 2001, August 13, 2003, and August 21, 2003.

This paper is submitted with a petition to extend time for one month, since the amendment was submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final office action. Should further extension or any other fee be occasioned by this paper, the Office is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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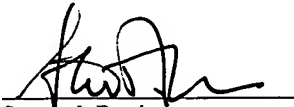
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTES

RCE v. CPA: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

FEE AND SUBMISSION REQUIRED: A submission as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, an information disclosure statement, an amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings, new arguments, or new evidence in support of patentability. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111 (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (c)).

RCE APPLIES TO: An application in which prosecution is closed (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)).

RCE DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) A provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) an application for a design patent; or (5) a patent under reexamination (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114(e)).

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Enter and consider the unentered amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 2, 2003.
- b. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
- c. ☐ Amendment/Response enclosed.
- d. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) enclosed.
- e. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) enclosed.
- i. ☐ PTO-1449
- ii. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- f. ☐ Other _____.

2. RCE FEE REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Small entity status
- i. ☐ was established in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ii. ☐ is established herewith by the enclosed written assertion of entitlement to small entity status.
- b. ☐ A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for ____ months up to and including ____ is enclosed herewith.
- c. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed.
- d. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), i.e., \$ ____, to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.
- e. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees required for this submission under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

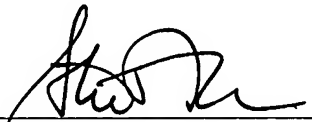
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- a. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard enclosed.
b. ☒ Other: Renewed Request for Continued Examination.
c. ☒ Other: Copy of Request For Reconsideration Of Amendment Non-Entry and Conditional Request For Continued Examination.

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RENEWED REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

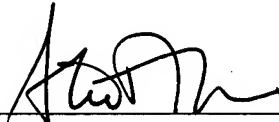
This paper reiterates our request for continued examination in the above-referenced case. On April 7, 2004, in response to the Advisory Action mailed on March 10, 2004 (which denied entry of the amendment we filed on December 2, 2003), we submitted a Request For Reconsideration Of Amendment Non-Entry and Conditional Request For Continued Examination (copy included herewith). This paper requested continued examination in the event our request for reconsideration was unsuccessful. The Examiner did, in fact, deny our request for entry of the December 2 amendment, but did not act on the request for continued examination.

Accordingly, we hereby renew that request, the effective date of which remains April 7, 2004. No extension fee should therefore be necessary, but the Office is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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